



ESTIMATED SOIL MOISTURE DEFICIT (SMD) AT 09 GMT ON 23 JANUARY 1974

River Authority Area	Estimated Areal SMD mm	Change During the Week Ending 09 GMT on	
		23 Jan 74 mm	16 Jan 74 mm
Northumbrian	7.5	- 1.2	- 3.0
Yorkshire	2.1	- 0.2	- 1.7
Trent	0.8	+ 0.8	- 0.2
Lincolnshire	14.6	+ 0.1	- 6.2
Welland and Nene	14.8	+ 0.3	- 8.1
Great Ouse	17.7	- 0.8	- 9.9
East Suffolk and Norfolk	13.4	- 1.0	- 3.2
Essex	31.9	- 0.9	- 6.7
Lee Conservancy	18.4	- 0.5	- 7.9
Thames Conservancy	5.7	- 1.1	- 7.4
London Area	14.9	- 1.5	- 6.3
Kent	6.5	- 0.8	- 5.0
Sussex	2.6	- 0.8	- 5.4
Hampshire	1.7	- 0.2	- 1.4
Isle of Wight	7.9	- 1.7	- 11.0
Avon and Dorset	0.0	0.0	0.0
Devon	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cornwall	0.0	0.0	0.0
Somerset	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bristol Avon	0.0	0.0	0.0
Severn	1.1	+ 0.3	- 3.1
Wye	0.2	+ 0.2	0.0
Usk	0.0	0.0	0.0
Glamorgan	0.0	0.0	0.0
South West Wales	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gwynedd	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dee and Clwyd	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mersey and Weaver	0.2	+ 0.2	0.0
Lancashire	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cumberland	0.0	0.0	0.0

N.B. Apart from normal changes these differences also reflect retrospective adjustments after receipt of additional data.

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EVAPOTRANSPIRATION OVER GREAT BRITAIN

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On the date of issue of the last bulletin (9 January 1974) rain began to spread from the South-West, covering the whole country by 10 January. This rainy spell continued until 16 January in most areas of England and Wales, and persisted until 18 January in all Scottish districts excluding the extreme East. A mainly dry spell followed, lasting until 21 January when rain began to spread slowly from the West. However, the dry weather continued up to 22 January in the Eastern half of England.

The recent rain far exceeded evaporation which is low at this time of year. Most of the country is now at field capacity with respect to Areal Values. Notable exceptions are East Lothian, South Cambridgeshire and South-East Essex.

It is intended that no further bulletin will be issued until early Spring when significant deficits are expected to reappear.

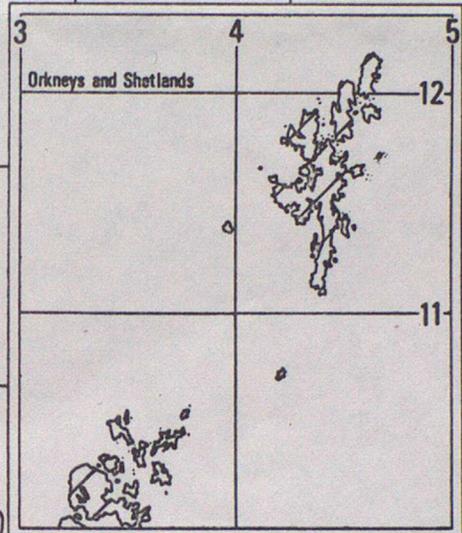
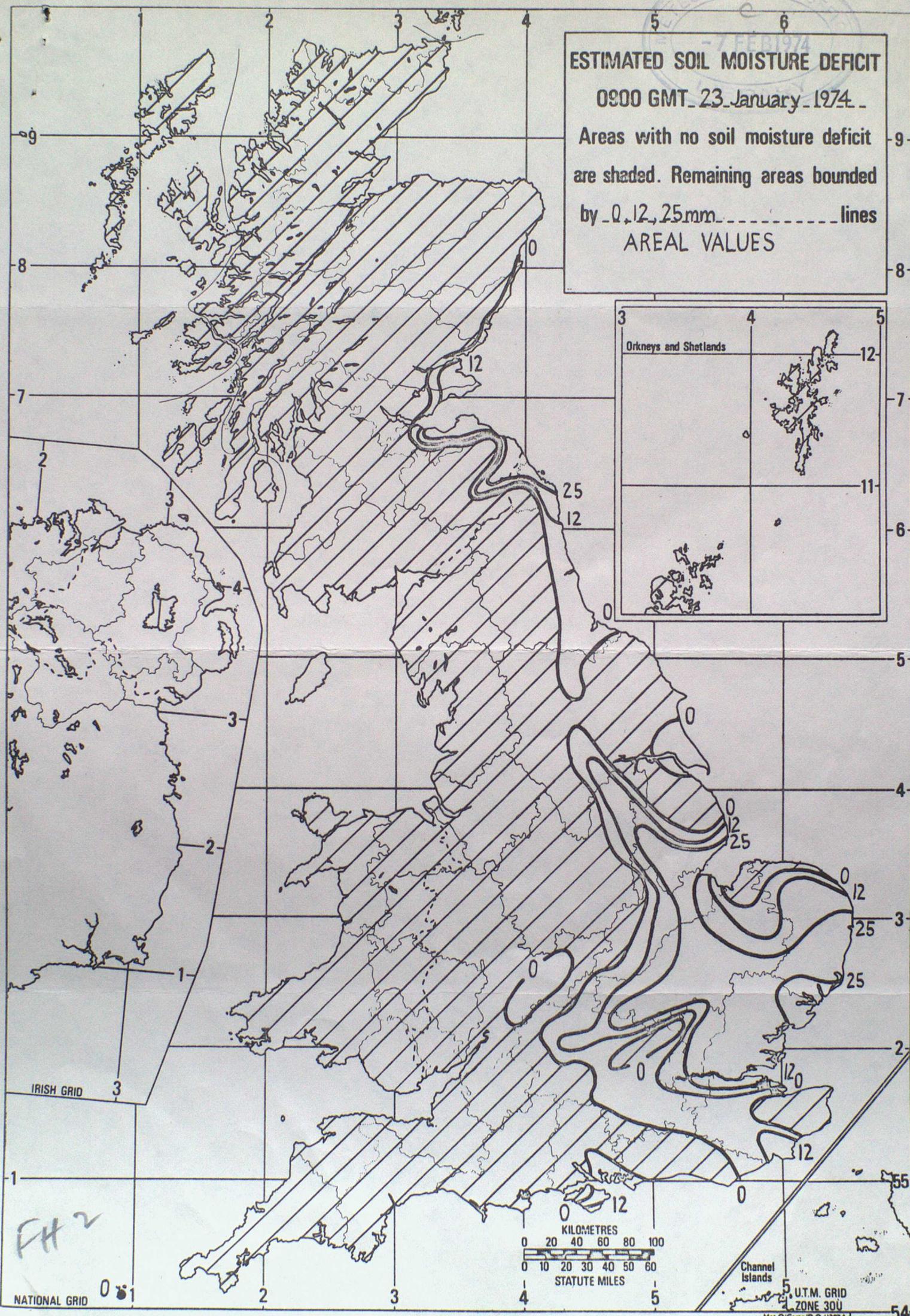
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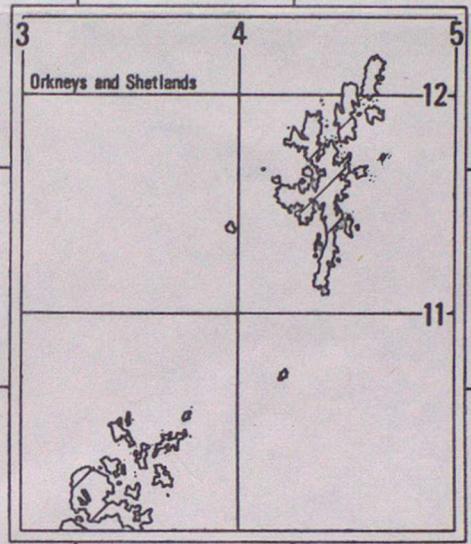
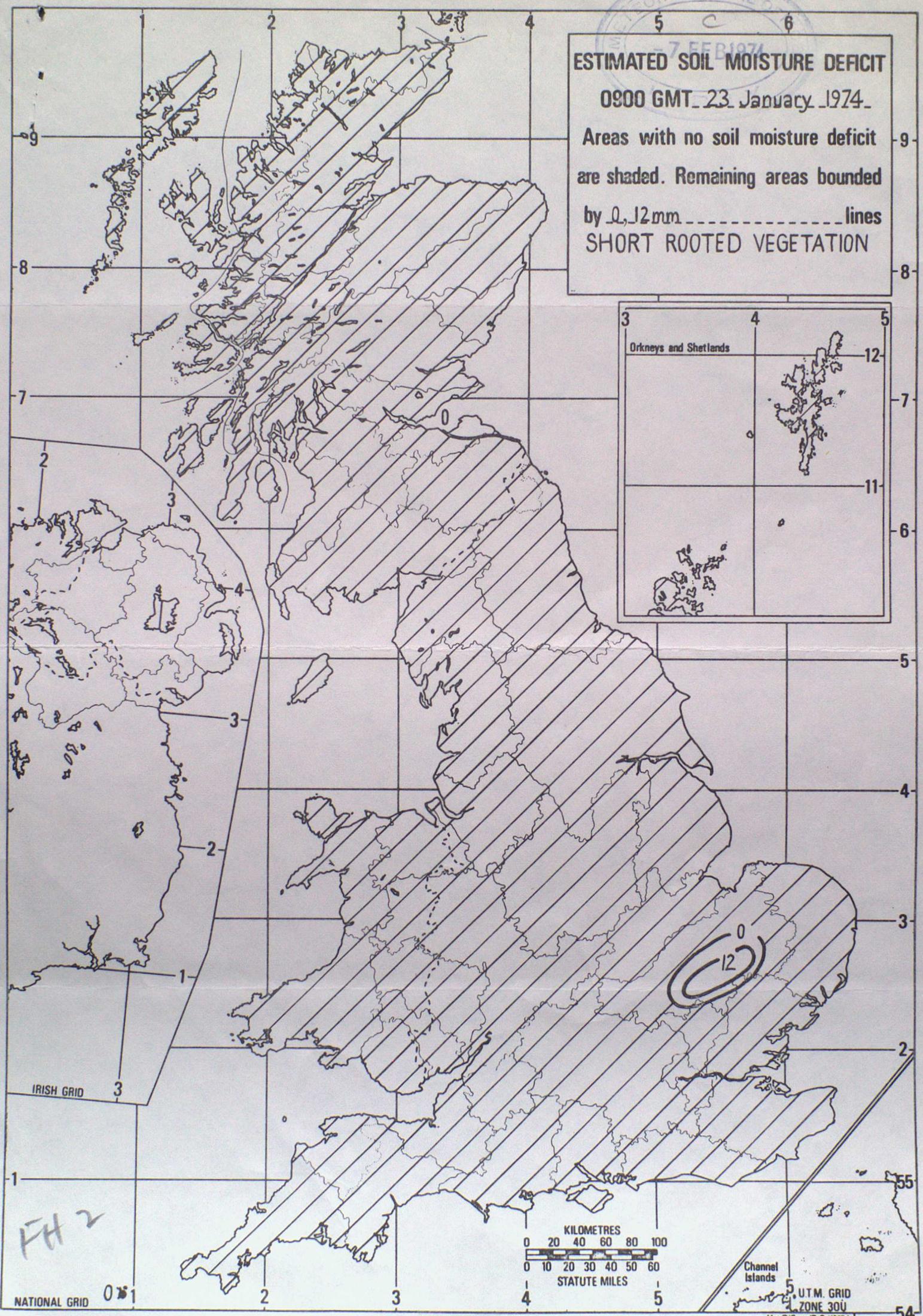
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